

CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

September 3, 2014

The purpose and objectives of the CSCMVA are to promote the educational and interpretive activities of the California State Capitol Museum

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in room 127 of the Capitol by President Alex King. Board members present: Alex, Bob Dennis, Chris Tyler, Marilyn Thompson, Randall Williams, Connie Clark, David Keck, Bob Dreyer.

Board members absent: Julie Mallett

Others Present:, Mary Geach, Leslie Cooper, Marti Dennis, Matt Bellah, Sheri Routh, Patty Wood, PJ Jones, Diane Rich

Minutes: accepted as corrected. Clarification: the bookstore pays 15% of its income in rent each month. It paid \$533 for the month of August. Correct spelling of Gary Kuretz's name.

President's report: Alex has received approval for CSCMVA to staff the information desk at the north entrance. He will be working on details as to schedule, amenities, etc. U.S. and state flags will soon be displayed in the rotunda.

Appropriations Committee: Report attached. Moved by Williams and seconded by Keck to accept. Passed. Question was raised about whether the Capitol Museum receives money from the State Parks Foundation as many other state parks do. Answer is No – possibly because of the lobbying activities of the Foundation.

Bookstore: Mary Geach reported that net income for August was \$2,473.24. A book on the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition has been written. She will ask the author to send a preview copy.

Membership: Confusion as to status of member who has lived in Virginia for several years but still pays dues in order to receive the Clarion, which she stopped getting. Dues status cleared up and she will continue to receive an email Clarion.

State Parks Report:

Drapes in Governor's office will be cleaned on Sept. 10 and the room will be closed all day.

Chair in Treasurer's office has been repaired. Drapes between Sect of State and Archives will be replaced. They are working on getting new shades for most of the offices. Desktops and furniture will be covered during cleaning of drapes.

Posters of PPIE: Approval from State Library has not yet been received.

The Capital Museum is now being listed in the Ticket section of the Bee.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

- Volgistics: Randall reported that things are going well. After discussion, the “number of hous worked” column will be removed from the office sign in sheet. It serves no purpose and is confusing.
- Midyear Social Event: successful event attended by approx.. 56 people. Nice venue but food could have been spaced out better over the 2 hours.
- Admission Day: Everything is set. Connie will send out email reminders to participants. The governor and Lt. governor have been invited.
- Election Day: Assignments will be sent out soon. Could use more volunteers in support roles such as greeter, etc.
- New member survey: Marylin reported she had not received the results from Julie after she contacted the “nonresponders.” She will request again.
- Celebration at Stanford Mansion on September 28: there are enough costumed volunteers but more are always welcome.
- Bylaws revision: still need to address question of whether dues structure should be included and clarify requirements for life membership.

New Business

- Isabella statue: discussion of the broken finger on the boy’s hand. The tradition of throwing coins onto the statue at the end of the legislative year will be stopped. Probably will have sergeants-at-arms keeping guard next year. Dreyer moved and Keck seconded that CSCMVA offer to pay for the repair as a gesture of our concern over preservation of the statue. Motion passed.
- Keck asked if there could be a second stamp at the WI desk to stamp “passports” for children instead of sending them to B27. After discussion it was decided that he would pursue this – what type of stamp and does it have to be the “official” one.
- Question: can we pay to have capitol brochures translated into Korean, Dutch and Italian. Keck will form a committee to pursue this.
- Thompson brought up question of Christmas decorations in museum rooms. She and Jan Forbes will work on this and come back with suggestions.
- Should there be a training class in 2015? This will be on agenda of October meeting.

Training Events:

Historic Rooms tour on Sept. 17th and Capitol furnishings tour on Oct. 30th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1st at the State Capitol.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marylin Thompson
Secretary